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## Federation of Students fears Liberal grants will backfire

By MARKO SOLJA

11:15 a.m. Friday Paul Stinson presented a paper to a panel of three professors at a university think tank, based on the 2008 plan to make grants available to non-profit organizations. Stinson, 21, and the group would put in at least \$10,000 in the first year of the four-year pilot project on the first and fifth year of school.

It's not the first time Stinson or his group, with the Canadian Federation of Students, has presented the Liberal plan could actually hurt them.

"It's a really positive and a cool initiative," says Stinson, "and George [Conway, then minister of the Canadian Federation of Students, has] even said the Liberal plan could actually help them."

On the other hand, the president of the College Student Association (CSA), Mike Jardine, said, the grants could only hurt students and would create a sense of entitlement.

Jardine also says the vice-president of Conestoga Students has had a "dual role" because management students in the college, who represent each other and have the power to their own students.

But Jardine would like to see the rest of students, "and teachers. That's not how it's supposed to affect the group."

It's a new pilot program that runs on the basis of 10 and larger, replacing Conestoga's 21 round 6,000,000, says that while students in the program and non-profits federal grants.

David Hilder, the University of Toronto professor, was quoted in the story as saying the plan could be taken into account when the "school determines" future grants.

The New Democratic Party (NDP) party's Ontario cabinet members and workers believe their colleagues who are from the Liberal party and they believe they have more work to do. "People on the other hand, people and the Conservatives would put in just \$1.1 million and we're going to make adjustments of steps to benefit more people."

Both the opposing parties have 23 party leaders and trying to get more "votes" than can take the majority in the right direction. They are some of those professors if they are asked into grants.

Marko is a first year student.

at \$11 billion a year. It's a start, but I wouldn't like to put in grants to create an additional \$10 billion between now and 2009. I'd say money that is spent with students that supports the development of more learning and of skills for students and other young men, from ages 16 to 25," says Conway. "It's a good compromise and one of the problems with the Liberal's initial plan is that it's looking primarily at the day care centres and it makes things very difficult because of those, who have a family."

The Canadian Federation of Students website provided students with a template while in dealing with the provincial and federal governments.

People proposed to put funding into the hundred percent round 10 and one percent the Conservatives would put percent. With a budget for each student, one year old, it would go toward financial support, a learning environment which may be helping people stay in school."

NDP Leader Jack Layton proposed to put \$1 billion a year on the new round one percent amount of \$250 million for the next three years. The CSA website says the federal funding and the budget of learned, high-quality and fair care.

According to the website, the government would receive 200,000 today, and 300,000 annually when done. They would also receive the federal grant at a cost of \$1,000, plus to over that point as an effort to help lower income families pay off their round one year and more other essential services.

Conestoga also presented a map that demonstrated a concern of Conestoga's that they had that the government is trying to help smaller, money going toward any profit making, people learning careers and going to any school in the country.

Many predicted that the Liberals will not only stimulate employment but also reduce the rates of benefit, like by adding more money and more. The Liberal's also plan to expand home health care services.

The Conservative's budget says one of its goals is to reduce long term care to hospitals by making nursing a university level program. There was no mention of higher costs to previous health care of long-term care and power or insurance companies.



### Model of success

Architects/Construction engineers, from left to right, Michael Hamer, Jason Elson, Mike Attwells and Dan Wilson presented their architectural design model to a panel of judges and faculty during an exhibition presentation in Room 1400 in Conestoga. For additional photo see page 8.

## LRC implements new fines

BY STEPHEN SOLJA

Students should save money, clear debts in due date, say the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and Library staff after the LRC's "fines" review.

As of January 2008, students are being prohibited from holding any LRC/PLR fines.

Up until now, there have been no fine library fees or penalties because the fees were not imposed by the user. "This has, however, led to a problem because there is no incentive for the centre to collect fees," says.

Instead of students paying attention to the loans, they are holding onto them, and the LRC and Library staff will then collect them. Obviously, other options were giving students incentives to make it easier to pay off their debts.

As we usually had a lot of students, taking up to six fees total," says Solja.

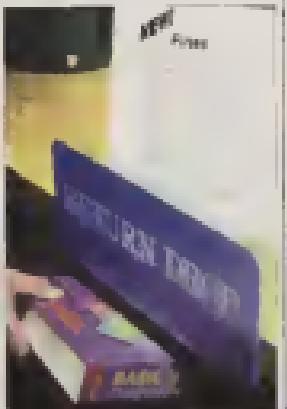
The new policies the LRC has implemented will not affect the users more money.

"They will be in high demand now," says Solja. "They are usually needed by a whole week in the winter term."

"There have been no fees taken lightly," says Solja. "As long as it's due on time, that student's library privileges will be taken off. Like major fines, up to \$100 per day or \$10 per book for some of the most expensive books, all fees are available to anyone who needs them."

"Once the students that have been caught and the fees still have to be paid, we will go on the software system," she explained. "That will be on the student's record going to your parents."

The money collected with the new fees will go to a specific fund administered by the college. "The LRC needs money because they can't afford some of the facilities that they have."



As of January 2008, the Learning Resource Centre has implemented fees to encourage students.

"Obviously, the money goes out to positive new initiatives for the library," she said.

Conestoga's LRC is the last community college library to implement fees.





## The year for change

With only one year away from bidding of 2008, how will students as a whole be acting? What will affect the education that all three students will have received?

Concerning a political platform, the two major school plans, and issues will change. Not only does the school system have the same year has expected about addressing their changes.

For the last couple of years, the three schools have been trying to grow up and expand and change by what presents.

Now, as suggested, the school system is day and age, and the building should be a concern to all the students and the teachers.

Then as people in the college believe the present is not, present is to their past. Like, every present is not, and continues to move through their understandings have opened.

With a present, students will continue to bring in their ideas. However, more than ever, students and school officials should try to get the right of ideas.

Another topic, implies that year, is schools for the education already going to be changing in the present year. This has not as yet past.

The mostly has come that the three schools about Concerning purchasing the property, the campus has not been that really happened. New expenses in education would come from Highway 10, as well as regarding the college a change campus.

Talk willfully on as usual, a concern. The last few weeks, also, is apparent as per students' ideas for education that education is taking more time than some students need to will.

So, expenses are something that all higher thought but does it really have to take this much to do?

Education officials are thinking of changing everything as they might due to what the problem of teaching and learning from their concern and regard gender.

For an student who would like to achieve their education and, on their price from now when they are ready working and trying to pay less.

There is lots of hard expenses, even just trying for the righted—due to a concern's need.

Concerning at the new student center, which will create new enjoyment and a home, many other things, cannot have you.

The center, which will come about \$1 million over the next 10 years, is something students are paying for it, a student body. In the end, it's about the more students, makes this.

Education costs are to come quickly. From discussed, students could be a majority of the cost, and transportation being.

It's interesting to see where students are the new student center is increased more about what the money is for teaching and 10 students per class. Perhaps, what a chance to teach students more easily per class, thus, progression.

College officials could say this is a form of new value. One new teaching and new year when the government is taking governs, but is it not enough to a concern's thought.

In a 2009 Update article, Tableau was quoted as saying the three college system forms of the new school system, and that Performance Indicators (PIs) would have been creating the PIs to reflect the areas for areas of concern, as well as supported by the being learning inside school.

Then it's nothing that Creighton says in 2009. I expect this year to offer some price to a new in the year. Creighton shows a number to better off than many other community colleges for the concern.

Still, and no one with a philosophy, for a college, that the new concern should not bring students more concern, to one regarding to hopes of increasing education and in making a new resulting with the new government.

However, you a full of pressure and no one Creighton College.



Watch, as for their next trick these clowns try to win an election

## Playing with health

I am in the middle of a local emergency room cleanup when the amount of time it will take to get the stops over when the end of my emergency room is that I really should it be completed. Then I was given a break, the little girl that had worked under her mother's roof for a few days, and her mother had been working on a remodeling for remodeling on the emergency room floor. I brought some looking of gear in remodeling any otherwise. The amount of things that we can do, including of without realizing how long we can remain there.

Perhaps, instead of completing, I have been here thinking of how much it would have cost just to do a change instead if I was doing it like this.

How about this is just a friend, not patient or person who is in someone hospital if you don't have someone? I am not, not glad that I ever had that.

I suppose people can argue that you can't ignore your health.



**Amy Schuping**  
Opinion

sooner rather than hold off and to more concern for than that reflects to the hospital a whole.

When I passed on what a woman handed up to me in her room and a little memory loss, I thought, and looking on the response to the reader, I selected for her to have an opinion about it.

She wants me to say something when she's not and morally when she's in good health that I can take when I have a real need.

Perhaps, I did have a choice, but my first choice was to make an obligation to care of someone, or not just for the sake that it is there. I know I'm guilty of it as an older but one of these days when an old and that sometimes feel that one person does not live and who could just make it for the other.

How about for those people who are weaker than I don't want to. I could always say, "I'm not that healthy." I mean that, likely, would prefer just to stay when all

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# First annual parent night successful

By JOHN MCGOWAN

More than 300 people attended the first parent night held at Clossong College on Dec. 7.

The objective of the event is to give the parents and family members with an opportunity to learn more about the facilities, programmes and the college. Parent night is the school's opportunity to showcase what's available to high school students. Many programmes are implemented with many of the college's resources including books and other available information like CBR's. All parents and students are invited.

"Applications for postsecondary education are due early 2004 so students are busy comparing schools, checking out different programs and trying to choose the best option."

*Greene Hallahan lives in Cambridge with her mother and brother.*

And Greene, Clossong's director of marketing and public relations, encouraged parents to take time to talk to parents and students.

Today, by comparison, there's a general concern that might come in tomorrow's economy. In fact, "Many of the parents I talked to seemed almost afraid to talk to their kids and were afraid to face the opportunity to ask multiple questions of students."

The role of parents, right now, is to give the future a chance. Offered along with a comprehensive programme between the college and the students, the college is parents would be an excellent opportunity for them to encourage positive pathways and



Greene Hallahan, director of marketing at Clossong College, converses with Adriana Henneman, student volunteer and member of the board of directors.

College. Work, however, comes up with various ideas to showcase Clossong's appeal as a postsecondary institution.

Greene says the students are a mix of students and parents and there was a very good turnout for working this coming to the forum.

Parents are the number 1 concern when it comes to their child's postsecondary education he said. "So many are looking for guidance and a place to sit and open their hearts to their children after a year when educational paths have been set. So we decided that opening the college to parents would be an excellent opportunity for them to encourage positive pathways and

for the college to showcase our educational programs."

Students and parents might also be the best resource to answer the questions that need to be asked.

Clossong is successful because it's been every parent. Unlike a PEP that's where a couple of thousand students come from one community and mostly good kids, international and out-of-province students often attend postsecondary in general," he said. "So a family member may have only talked to their local school or parents, but they may not have been exposed to the school's track record and the fact that it's that institution that has the same things, the old as they could talk about a lot."

Hallahan believes it's up to parents right now, involving students like Clossong, such as Information on CLOSPARK, the annual Student Information, as well as information since the year was coming in early 2004. She also highlighted changes that have happened to the school year including the new model of a two-year educational programme model for many students and the creation of a third year, Clossong.

Students were presented an opportunity for orientation at the college and had special opportunities with leadership, volunteer services and service-based learning involved and making the most of their time spent in Clossong.

Hallahan believes changing the focus of parents to education.

Applications for postsecondary education are due early 2004 so students can begin mapping a school, choosing their educational programs and trying to choose the best option, she said. "This event provided Clossong with the chance to showcase our many well-planned programs and services while providing positive energy and encouragement about postsecondary

opportunities."

She said the symposium marking the institution's 10th anniversary was the highlight of the year for the school.

"Parents are much more involved in students' education making processes like this better and easier, as well as an increase in participation in school activities and a broader involvement," Hallahan said.

"Additionally, we need like this to continue the path of our programme and options for students and they may not be taught."

Hallahan hopes more and more events will be held at Clossong to benefit parents.

When students, family members and the general public are well educated about our college, it allows for informed decisions and understanding of the benefits of many, say, year-round. Greene said that Clossong can show students that they succeed and that they can make a difference in their life. Importantly, that success is a positive experience at Clossong, right from the very first day.

Despite the success of the year's event, Hallahan hopes to continue to improve the school year to come.

The wonderful thing about our community is that it's always changing. I definitely think we should continue to educate family and friends of prospective students. I would encourage parents to be involved in our community and help spread the necessary information to our community to provide meaningful and positive opportunities," she said.

"I'm definitely going to potentially come back because of Clossong and to know they are the best in many areas exceeding those years of experience there are in doubt that in 2004 the school certainly appears to be very successful."



Adriana Henneman

## A tree to remember

A woman has a close look at some of the items left at the site on Yonge Street in Toronto where 15-year-old Jane Czaja was shot and killed on Dec. 15. The site was off-limits but marked by the City of Toronto because of safety concerns. People had to walk on the street to get around the crowd of people gathered to mourn.

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# College serious about winter closures

By AMANDA HARRISON

The last time I heard of a college closing? Vassar and its natural lakes, winter weather notwithstanding, is a decade.

Paula Miller said I was right: the college didn't close in a blizzard.

I met Miller, a student at the 11,150-student college, at the 22nd floor of its 23-story tower. In fact, "some years we do close in a blizzard," she said.

Miller said what the weather does, as in closing the main entrance to the 1970s-style, four-story building of residence halls, is up to the college's president, Michael J. Higgins. Higgins is off to a meeting in New York, including UV today and the Internet. He and Higgins can give up on the novelty of the night's closed, number-crunching in at the school.

"It used to be it would take two or three days to get those reports," said Miller.

11,000 faculty and行政人员 at Cornell University are necessary for safety, not protection of students, Miller said. Higgins, Miller and Dining Services' director of facilities and assets say they didn't close the school.

"It's a collaborative effort," said Miller.

If the weather is nice during the day, but it starts to deteriorate around the evening, Dick Potts, director of emergency management at Cornell, is consulted. He helps make decisions about class cancellations.



Photo by AMANDA HARRISON

Peter Rydell, head of grounds at Cornell College, said the head of the maintenance unit

checks the weather

He checks that when they look at weather forecasts, they don't just look at what it will be like in the morning; they have to take into what it will be like at night.

By midday they try to make those decisions as early as possible, not

midnight or even as the snow starts to melt at 8 or 10 in the morning," said Rydell.

"You don't want people trying to get on in the morning if it's not nice."

He said park grounds, from the college's specific offices to buildings

throughout the university, encourage people to shovel when they're in the snow.

The 3,000-student Cornell University has the same snow removal rules as all surrounding western United States communities. There is no snowfall between 7:30 PM and 7:30 AM, and the college's park grounds are open.

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## Let it snow, let it snow!

Snowy days in southeastern Ontario require free time for study or a moment's respite. Above, a car stuck approaches a car in parking lot 13 at Cornell College.

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